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POSTMUS ROAD PROGRAM TO HELP RESIDENTS COPE WITH PHELAN ROAD CLOSURE

SAN BERNARDINO—First District San Bernardino County Supervisor Bill Postmus today unveiled a Detour Road Grading project to help ease traffic problems resulting from the closure of Phelan Road in the Phelan and Oak Hills areas.

Unofficial "detours" currently in use by some residents are the result of expansion and underground pipe work that has temporarily closed Phelan Road. The work is scheduled to continue until August or early September. The "official" detour had been previously established as Duncan/Bear Valley Road. Residents report the detour adds approximately four to eight miles of additional travel distance for residents on the Hwy 395 side to reach Baldy Mesa Road.

"The closure of Phelan Road has definitely impacted our local residents, and this has resulted in many calls to my office regarding traffic problems," Postmus said.

"In response, I toured the area on December 22nd, along with County Public Works Director Ken Miller. After having listened to the concerns of the residents and having toured the area, I gave direction to Mr. Miller to do something to address the increased travel times and possible safety issues our residents are facing there.

"Today I am pleased to announce that as a result of these efforts, within two weeks the County will begin improvements on two east-west traffic routes through a combination of grading, dust palliative, traffic control and maintenance to last the duration of the Phelan Road closure."

The Smoketree corridor will help speed traffic north of Phelan Road, and the Muscatel corridor will help improve traffic flow originating south of Phelan Road, Postmus added.

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Following is a list of the road segments to be improved and temporarily maintained:

1. Smoke Tree Road – Aster Road to Baldy Mesa Road (1 mile);
2. Smoke Tree Road – Lilac to State Highway 395 (1.25 miles);
3. Caliente from Joshua to Muscatel, Muscatel from Caliente to Verbena, Verbena from Caliente to Hollister (1.85 miles).

Total cost of the project will be approximately \$130,000. Total length for all routes is approximately 4.1 miles.

According to the County Public Works Department, there are an additional 11.5 miles currently being graded, treated with dust palliative and maintained by the contractor working on the Phelan Road project.

For more information call Postmus' District Director, Anthony Adams, at (760) 843-2760.